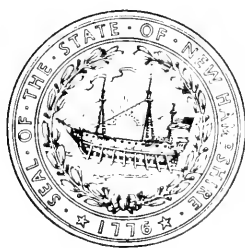


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Annual Report

FOR THE TOWN OF

BENTON, NEW HAMPSHIRE



Year Ending December 31

1975

TOWN OF BENTON, NEW HAMPSHIRE

Annual Report

OF THE TOWN OFFICERS

YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1975

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BENTON TOWN OFFICERS — 1975

Moderator: Bruce J. Enderson

Town Clerk: Grace M. Gregory

Jacob W. Aldrich

Selectmen:

James J. Page Term Expires 1976

James W. Elliott Term Expires 1977

William J. Harris Term Expires 1978

Treasurer: Priscilla T. Boutin

Tax Collector: Maxine M. Tyler

Supervisors of the Checklist:

Laura Mason Term Expires 1976

Jeanette C. Enderson Term Expires 1978

John G. Elliott, Sr. Term Expires 1980

Trustees of Trust Funds:

Joseph N. Boutin, Sr. Term Expires 1976

David W. Harris Term Expires 1977

Scott E. Roden Term Expires 1978

Constable: Thomas F. Fenn

Auditor: Jacob W. Aldrich

Iona V. Boutin

Robert E. Longpre

Sexton: David W. Harris

Surveyor of Wood and Lumber: William J. Harris

Overseer of Public Welfare: Maxine M. Tyler

Health Officer: Thomas F. Fenn

Ballot Clerks:

Iona V. Boutin William J. Harris

Ballot Inspector: Katie J. Goodwin

ANNUAL TOWN MEETING WARRANT

State of New Hampshire

To the inhabitants of the Town of Benton qualified to vote in Town affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at the Community Building in said Benton on the first Tuesday of March next (the 2nd) at seven-thirty o'clock in the evening to vote and act upon the following subjects:

ARTICLE 1. To choose a Town Clerk; one Selectman for a term of three years; one Treasurer; one Tax Collector; one Trustee of Trust Funds for a term of three years; one Auditor; one Sexton; and all other necessary Town officers and agents for the ensuing year.

ARTICLE 2. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$159.23 as the Town's share for construction of highways (Town Road Aid) as provided in Chapter 241 of the Revised Statutes Annotated, as amended.

ARTICLE 3. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the withdrawal from the Revenue Sharing Fund established under the provisions of the State and Local Assistance Act of 1972 for use as setoffs against budgeted appropriations for the following priority purposes and in the amounts indicated, or take any other action hereon:

Appropriation	Amount
Ambulance Service	\$ 100.00
Home Health Service	167.00
Mental Health Service	512.50
Cottage Hospital	450.00
Tax Maps	100.00
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	\$ 1,129.50

ARTICLE 4. To see if the Town will vote to make any alterations in the amount of money to be raised and appropriated for the ensuing year as recommended in the budget and will vote to raise and appropriate all sums so determined.

ARTICLE 5. To see if the Town will vote to accept the reports of officers and agents as printed in the Town Report.

ARTICLE 6. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to borrow money for current indebtedness in anticipation of taxes collected in the year 1976 and to be paid therefrom.

ARTICLE 7. To see if the Town will vote to authorize a discount on current property taxes paid before a date set by the Selectmen if all previous taxes are paid; and to see if the Town will vote to set the amount of said discount.

Given under our hands and seals at Benton this 26th day of January, A.D. 1976.

JAMES J. PAGE
JAMES W. ELLIOTT
WILLIAM J. HARRIS
Selectmen of Benton

COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF APPROPRIATIONS AND EXPENDITURES, FISCAL YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1975

Title of Appropriation:	Amount	Receipts and Reim- bursements	Expendi- tures	Unex- pended Balance	Over- draft
Town Officers' Salaries	\$ 750.00	\$	\$ 714.00	\$ 36.00	\$
Town Officers' Expenses	1,000.00		1,075.64		75.64
Election and Registration	300.00		576.00		276.00
Town Buildings	175.00		125.78	49.22	
Police Department	50.00		30.00		
Fire Department	200.00	6.66 ¹	63.31	143.35	
Insurance	350.00		484.00		
Planning	145.00		145.00		
Health Department	779.50		779.50		134.00
Vital Statistics	10.00			10.00	
Dump	800.00		100.00	700.00	
Town Maintenance—Summer	2,000.00	918.20 ²	3,643.57		725.37
Town Maintenance—Winter	2,500.00		3,146.58		646.58
Town Road Aid	158.21		158.21		
Town Poor	250.00		88.47	161.53	
Cemeteries	250.00		174.75	75.25	
Interest	225.00	81.00 ³	291.49	14.51	
Tax Maps	100.00			100.00	
County Tax Assessment:	3,120.00		3,120.23		.23
School Appropriation:	37,458.14		34,065.00	3,393.14	
	<u>\$50,620.85</u>	<u>\$1,005.86</u>	<u>\$48,781.53</u>	<u>\$4,703.00</u>	<u>\$1,857.82</u>
		NET UNEXPENDED BALANCE		- 1,857.82	
				<u>\$2,845.18</u>	

¹ Forest Fire Reimbursement

² TRA Reimbursement

³ Interest on Checking Account

BUDGET OF THE TOWN OF BENTON

Estimates of Revenue for the Year 1976
Compared with Actual Revenue for the Year 1975

SOURCES OF REVENUE	1975 Actual	1976 Estimated
From State of New Hampshire:		
Interest and Dividends Tax	\$ 1,125.58	\$ 1,150.00
Savings Bank Tax	32.42	35.00
Meals and Rooms Tax	1,531.63	1,675.00
Reim. A/C Business Profits Tax	986.36	1,036.00
Highway Subsidy	2,712.95	2,286.52
Class V Highway Maint. Allot.	1,000.37	1,261.99
Reim. A/C Town Road Aid	918.20	—
National Forest Reserve (½)	2,282.83	2,300.00
Reim. A/C State & Federal Forest Land	2,050.12	2,000.00
Reim. A/C Forest Fire	6.66	—
Reim. A/C Flood Disaster Assistance	827.75	—
From Local Sources:		
Dog Licenses	72.00	100.00
Motor Vehicle Permit Fees	2,430.88	2,500.00
Interest on Taxes & Deposits	532.90	550.00
Income from Trust Funds	223.00	225.00
Resident Taxes	1,070.00	1,000.00
Normal Yield Taxes	1,961.16	5,500.00
Rent of Town Property	150.84	150.00
From Federal Sources:		
Revenue Sharing	779.50	1,129.50
TOTAL REVENUES FROM ALL SOURCES EXCEPT PROPERTY TAXES	\$20,695.27	\$22,899.01
Amount to be Raised by Property Taxes		41,301.94
TOTAL REVENUES		\$64,200.95

BUDGET OF THE TOWN OF BENTON

Estimates of Expenditures for the Year 1976
Compared with Actual Expenditures for the Year 1975

PURPOSE OF EXPENDITURE	1975 Actual	1976 Estimated
Current Maintenance Expenses:		
Town's Officers' Salaries	\$ 714.00	\$ 750.00
Town Officers' Expenses	1,075.64	1,000.00
Election & Registration Expen.	576.00	1,200.00
Town Buildings' Expenses	125.78	175.00
Police Department	30.00	30.00
Fire Department	63.31	200.00
Blister Rust Control	—	157.00
Insurance	484.00	500.00
Planning	145.00	145.00
Health Department		
Ambulance Service	100.00*	100.00*
Home Health Service	167.00*	167.00*
Mental Health Service	312.50*	312.50*
Cottage Hospital	200.00*	450.00*
Vital Statistics	—	10.00
Dump	100.00	800.00
Town Road Maintenance—Summer	2,725.37	2,500.00
Town Road Maintenance—Winter	3,146.58	3,500.00
Town Road Aid	158.21	159.23
Town Poor	88.47	100.00
Cemeteries	174.75	250.00
Debt Service:		
Interest on Temporary Loans	291.49	350.00
Capital Outlay:		
Tax Maps	—	100.00*
TOTAL TOWN EXPENDITURES	<u>\$10,678.10</u>	<u>\$12,955.73</u>
School Appropriation:	34,065.00	47,745.22
County Assessment:	3,120.23	3,500.00
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	<u>\$47,863.33</u>	<u>\$64,200.95</u>

* Revenue Sharing Funds

BALANCE SHEET
December 31, 1975

ASSETS

Cash:		
In Hands of Treasurer:		
Cash	\$13,114.52	
Yield Tax Deposits	1,358.41	
Revenue Sharing Deposits	1,183.44	
	<hr/>	\$15,656.37
Accounts Due to Town:		
From State:		
Joint Construction Account		
(1975 TRA)		193.42
Unredeemed Taxes:		
Tax Sale: Levy of 1974		1,164.14
Uncollected Taxes:		
Levy of 1975		8,250.27
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TOTAL ASSETS		\$25,265.20
Current Deficit:		348.55
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		\$25,613.65

LIABILITIES

Accounts Owed by Town:		
Unexpended Revenue		
Sharing Funds	\$ 1,183.44	
Bond & Debt Retirement		
Taxes	413.24	
Yield Tax Deposits	1,358.41	
School District Tax Payable	22,465.14	
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		\$25,420.23
 Joint Highway Construction		
Accounts:		
Unexpended Balance in State		
Treasury		193.42
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TOTAL LIABILITIES		\$25,613.65

SUMMARY INVENTORY OF VALUATION

Description of Property:	1975	1974
Land	\$ 432,715	\$ 349,420
Buildings	777,525	729,075
Mobile Homes—Personal Property	30,050	—
Public Utilities—Electric	25,912	54,067
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TOTAL VALUATION	\$1,266,202	\$1,132,562
Exemptions—Elderly:	7,200	6,750
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NET VALUATION ON WHICH		
TAX RATE IS COMPUTED	\$1,259,002	\$1,125,812

STATEMENT OF ASSESSED TAXES

Total Appropriations:	1975	1974
Net Town Appropriations	\$(4,924.83)	(\$9,791.00)
Net School Appropriation	37,458.14	37,323.56
County Tax Assessment	3,120.00	2,684.00
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	\$35,653.31	\$30,216.56
Reimbursement A/C		
Business Profits Tax:	- 987.00	- 940.00
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	\$34,666.31	\$29,276.56
Add: War Service Tax		
Credits:	700.00	800.00
Add: Overlay:	389.35	320.36
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TOTAL TAX COMMITMENT	\$35,755.66	\$30,396.92
Tax Rate/\$100 Valuation	\$2.84	\$2.70

TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT
SUMMARY OF PROPERTY, RESIDENT AND YIELD TAXES
DEBITS

	Levy of 1975	Levy of 1974
Taxes Committed to Collector and Uncollected Taxes 1/1/75:		
Property Taxes	\$35,055.66	\$ 6,349.97
Added Property Taxes	68.16	
Resident Taxes	1,010.00	370.00
Yield Taxes	2,140.84	275.60
Interest	12.49	342.08
Penalties	8.00	35.00
Cost Before Sale		34.90
Interest and Cost After Sale		47.58
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TOTAL DEBITS	\$38,295.15	\$ 7,455.13

Credits

Remittances to Treasurer:		
Property Taxes	\$26,708.09	\$ 5,233.41
Resident Taxes	700.00	370.00
Yield Taxes	2,077.84	275.60
Interest	12.49	342.08
Penalties	8.00	35.00
Cost Before Sale		34.90
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	29,506.42	6,290.99
Discount Allowed:	538.46	
Uncollected Taxes and Unredeemed Taxes 12/31/75:		
Property Taxes	7,877.27	1,116.56
Resident Taxes	310.00	
Yield Taxes	63.00	
Interest and Cost After Sale		47.58
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	8,250.27	1,164.14
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TOTAL CREDITS	\$38,295.15	\$ 7,455.13

SUMMARY OF TAX SALES ACCOUNTS

Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 1975

DEBITS

	Tax Sales on Account of Levies of 1974
Balance of Unredeemed Taxes as of 1/1/75	
Taxes Sold to Town During	
Current Fiscal Year	\$ 1,116.56
INTEREST COLLECTED	
AFTER SALE:	33.48
REDEMPTION COSTS:	14.10
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TOTAL DEBITS	\$ 1,164.14

CREDITS

REMITTANCES TO TREASURER:	
Redemptions	
Interest and Costs After Sale	\$ 47.58
UNREDEEMED TAXES 12/31/75:	1,116.56
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TOTAL CREDITS	\$ 1,164.14
UNREDEEMED TAXES 12/31/75:	
Basnar, Reginald H. and Barbara	\$ 39.46
Fenn, Thomas and Frances	960.92
Nickles, Raymond and Elizabeth	119.15
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	\$ 1,116.56

Respectfully submitted,
MAXINE M. TYLER
Tax Collector

TAX COLLECTOR'S UNCOLLECTED TAXES
As of December 31, 1975

Name	Yield	Property	Resident
Albert, George V.	\$	\$ 22.72	\$
Aldrich, Jacob and Jacqueline		468.30	
Basnar, Reginald H. and Barbara		85.20	20.00
Bear Ridge Hunting Club		320.92	
Berndt, Lawrence			10.00
Bierig, Robert W. and Sandra T.		62.48	
Boutin, David			10.00
Boutin, Lewis A.		45.32	
Boutin, John Jr. and Boutin, Albert	63.00		
Boutin, Paul L. and Doris E.		108.33	20.00
Boutin, Ronald G. and April R.		207.02	20.00
Clark, Forrest S. and Betty L.		76.68	
Corrigan, James H.		247.08	
DeRusha, Kenneth R.		11.36	
Dempsey, Donald and Marilyn		55.38	
Driscoll, Patricia			10.00
Elliott, Bruce A.		14.91	10.00
Elliott, John G. Jr. and Catherine L.		348.31	20.00
Fenn, Thomas F. and Frances		1,184.85	20.00
Fernald, Robert and Amy		23.86	
Fox, James and Monika H.		231.16	20.00
Girard, Raymond		21.30	
Hackert, Louis J.		21.30	
Harris, David			10.00
Harris, John and Alice		49.70	
Harris, Michael E. and Helena L.		150.52	

Harris, Thomas and Sarahjean	110.76	10.00
Harris, William J. and Seraphene	489.32	
Higgins, David A. and Joan C.	62.48	20.00
Kinal, Walter and Alice	18.21	
Klingler, Wayne and Barbara	278.32	
Marinow, Ivan	310.98	
Mayo, Joseph P. and Judith A.	62.48	
Mitchell, Eula C.	286.84	
Moss, Philip I.	1.99	
Mossey, Richard and Noella		20.00
Mott, Ian, M. and Janet L.	134.90	
Nickles, Raymond and Elizabeth	474.57	20.00
Noble, Robert L. and Helen	71.00	
Page, Sally	90.88	
Pageau, Melinda C.	126.38	10.00
Peters, Lester G.	88.04	
Peters, Richard F. and Gail	19.88	
Plant, James.A. et al	303.88	
Richardson, Charles H. and Joyce E.	15.05	
Rodman, Richard and Mullaney, Walter	616.28	
Roper, Ruth		10.00
Saffo, Richard and Stephanie C.	536.46	20.00
Stevens, Dean E.		10.00
Wheeler, David R.	1.99	
Wheeler, David R. and Moss, Philip I.	19.88	
TOTALS	<hr/> \$63.00	<hr/> \$7,877.27
		<hr/> \$310.00

TREASURER'S REPORT AND DETAILED SUMMARY OF RECEIPTS

From Tax Collector:

Levy of 1974

Property Tax	\$ 5,233.41	
Property Tax Interest	325.52	
Resident Tax	370.00	
Resident Tax Penalties	35.00	
Yield Tax	275.60	
Yield Tax Interest	16.56	
Taxes Sold to Town	1,116.56	
Interest & Costs After Sale	47.58	
Costs Before Sale	34.90	
		\$ 7,455.13

Levy of 1975

Property Tax	\$ 26,708.00	
Property Tax Interest	12.39	
Resident Tax	700.00	
Resident Tax Penalties	8.00	
Yield Tax	2,077.84	
Yield Tax Interest	.10	
		29,506.42

From Town Clerk:

Grace M. Gregory	
1975 Motor Vehicle Permits	\$ 301.75

From Town Clerk:

Jacob W. Aldrich	
1975 Motor Vehicle Permits	2,129.13
	2,430.88
Dog Licenses	72.00

From Trust Funds:

For Cemeteries	\$ 151.37	
For Highways	71.75	
		223.12
From Benton Bible Chapel:		150.84

**From Revenue Sharing
Funds:**

From Lafayette

National Bank:

Tax Anticipation Notes	\$ 9,000.00	
Interest on Checking Account	81.00	
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		9,081.00

From State of

New Hampshire:

Interest and Dividends Tax	\$ 1,125.58	
Savings Bank Tax	32.42	
Meals and Rooms Tax	1,531.63	
Highway Subsidy	1,712.58	
Class V Highway Maintenance Allotment	1,000.37	
Reimbursement A/C TRA	918.20	
Reimbursement A/C State & Federal Forest Lands	2,050.12	
Reimbursement A/C Forest Fires	6.66	
National Forest Reserve	4,565.66	
Reimbursement A/C Business Profits Tax	986.36	
Flood Disaster Assistance 1973	827.75	
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		\$14,757.33

TOTAL RECEIPTS	\$64,456.22
Balance on Hand 1/1/75	10,590.67
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	\$75,046.89
Less Selectmen's Orders	- 61,932.37
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Balance on Hand 12-31-75	\$13,114.52

ACCOUNTS ON DEPOSIT**Woodsville Guaranty****Savings Bank:**

Yield Tax Account		\$ 1,358.41
Revenue Sharing Account		
Balance on Hand 1/1/75	\$ 1,009.41	
Received During Year	890.00	
Interest Added	63.53	
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	\$ 1,962.94	
Withdrawn During Year	- 779.50	
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Balance on Hand 12/31/75		1,183.44
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		\$ 2,541.85

Respectfully submitted,
 PRISCILLA T. BOUTIN
 Treasurer

DETAILED STATEMENT OF PAYMENTS**Town Officers' Salaries:**

Priscilla Boutin, Treasurer	\$ 95.00
Jacob Aldrich, Auditor	50.00
James Elliott, Selectman	132.00
James Page, Selectman	132.00
William Harris, Selectman	107.00
Maxine Tyler, Tax Collector	75.00
David Harris, Trustee	16.00
Jacob Aldrich, Town Clerk	107.00

\$ 714.00

Town Officers' Expenses:

Dues	30.00
Town Reports	369.60
Postage	85.61
Telephone	26.32
Safe Deposit Box	6.00
Meals	19.65
Mileage	29.03
Fees	212.00
Bonds	95.00
Supplies	79.39
Advertising	81.84
Tax Sale	11.20
Stray Dogs	30.00

1,075.64

Election and Registration:

Bruce Enderson, Moderator	32.00
Laura Mason, Supervisor	128.00
John Elliott, Sr., Supervisor	128.00
Jeanette Enderson, Supervisor	128.00
James Page, Selectman	32.00
James Elliott, Selectman	32.00
William Harris, Selectman	32.00
Kate Goodwin, Ballot Clerk	16.00
Iona Boutin, Ballot Clerk	16.00
Jacob Aldrich, Town Clerk	32.00

 576.00
Planning:

Appropriation	145.00
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Community Building:

Electric	90.93
Insurance	34.85

 125.78
Police Department:

Thomas Fenn, Constable	30.00
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Fire Department:

William Harris, Warden	13.31
Woodsville Fire Department	50.00

 63.31
Insurance:

Franconia Insurance Agency:	
General Liability	\$ 203.00
Workman's Compensation	281.00

 484.00

Health Department:

Cottage Hospital Vol.

Ambulance	100.00
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Cottage Hospital	200.00
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White Mt. Community Services	312.50
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North Country Home Health	167.00
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779.50
Town Dump:

Town of Haverhill	100.00
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Town Road Maintenance -**Summer:**

Equipment Hire	3,643.57
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(\$918.20 reimbursed for
TRA by State)

Town Road Maintenance -**Winter:**

Equipment Hire	3,146.58
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Town Road Aid:

Appropriation	158.21
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Public Welfare:

Town Poor	88.47
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Cemeteries:

Labor and Equipment	174.75
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Taxes Bought by Town:

Maxine Tyler, Tax Collector	1,164.14
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Interest:

Woodsville National Bank tax ant. note	291.49
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Tax Anticipation Notes:

Woodsville National Bank	9,000.00
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Payments to State:

Bond & Debt Retirement Tax	703.87
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Payments to County:

1975 County Tax	3,120.23
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Payments to School:

Appropriation	34,065.00
½ National Forest Reserve	2,282.83

36,347.83

TOTAL PAYMENTS

\$61,932.37

TOWN AUDITOR'S REPORT

I have examined the accounts of the Tax Collector, Treasurer, Town Clerk, and Selectmen and find them correctly cast and properly vouched.

February 8, 1975

ROBERT E. LONGPRE
Auditor

The Report of Trustees of Trust Funds for the year ending December 31, 1975 was not available at press time. Copies of the Report of Trust Funds will be available at Town Meeting.

REPORT OF THE FOREST FIRE WARDEN AND DISTRICT CHIEF

Upon the recommendation of town selectmen and city councils, the Division of Forests and Lands appoints a forest fire warden and several deputy forest fire wardens in each town and city every three years. The town or city warden is responsible for maintaining a force of men and adequate equipment to suppress any wildfire that occurs in his town or city during his term of appointment. The fire warden must authorize all open burning when the ground is not covered with snow. No open fires can be authorized between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., unless it is raining, without the additional permission of the state district fire chief.

Any person wishing to kindle an open fire when the ground is not covered with snow must first obtain the written permission of the forest fire warden. Camp and cooking fires also require the warden's permission.

The Division of Forests and Lands, through its Forest Fire Service, assists all cities and towns in meeting these requirements by training the warden and deputy forces in wildfire suppression tactics, making hand tool suppression equipment available at fifty percent of cost, supplying pieces of Federal excess property for use as fire attack vehicles and sharing up to fifty percent of the cost of wildfire suppression costs.

Wildfire prevention is also a joint state, city or town program. Smokey Bear is available from the Forest Fire Service for local fire prevention programs. Posters and Junior Ranger kits are available for distribution by local fire departments upon request to the Forest Fire Service. Each forest fire warden is expected to carry on a continuous wildfire prevention program within his town or city.

1975 Forest Fire Statistics

	No. of Fires	No. of Acres
State	718	800
District	26	16.5
Town	0	0

JOHN Q. RICARD
District Fire Chief

WILLIAM J. HARRIS
Forest Fire Warden

**COTTAGE HOSPITAL VOLUNTEER
AMBULANCE DISTRICT
FINANCIAL REPORT
Fiscal Year - June 1, 1974 - May 31, 1975**

RECEIPTS

Cash on Hand June 1, 1974	\$ 723.67
Town Contributions	6,650.00
Cases	9,794.39
Donations	54.62
Refunds	10.00
Loan	2,000.00
Withdrawn from Savings Acct.	14,000.00
Xmas Buffet	84.50

Total Receipts	\$33,317.18
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Balance in Savings Acct.

#30199 6-1-75	\$2,938.15*
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* The Savings Account is a sum set aside from each month's gross income specifically designated as depreciation funding to replace major equipment units as they shall become unserviceable.

EXPENSES

Ambulance Maintenance	\$ 6,582.99
Volunteer's Training,	
Supplies & expenses	909.33
New Ambulance	15,709.80
Garage rent	1,020.00
Meals	586.10
Labor, (other ambulances)	194.50
Advertising	36.70
Printing, postage, phone, sec. supp.,	248.77
Xmas buffet & Picnic	616.41
Savings Acct.	2,934.44
Radio	1,546.00
Loan Repayment	2,066.67
Legal fee	3.00

Total expenses	\$32,454.71
Bal. in checking acct.	862.47

\$33,317.18

There were 421 ambulance calls made from June 1, 1974 through May 31, 1975. There were 64 cases taken as bad debts for the year, totaling \$2,353.50.

Following is a break-down of towns where calls were made:

Haverhill	104	Pike	14
Newbury	41	Landaff	2
Groton	18	Barnet	8
Bath	21	Glenclyff	6
Ryegate	23	Glenclyff	
Benton	2	" (NH Home)	7
Monroe	6	Peacham	1
Bradford	14	Ely	1
Warren	5	Corinth	1
Wentworth	5	McIndoes	3
Lisbon	9	Transfers	123
Piermont	7		

The directors are pleased to announce another reduction in the basic charge to \$25.00 for the first 35 patient miles. This is in line with our commitment to provide the service with the least possible cost to the user.

ANNUAL REPORT of the Benton School District Year Ending June 30, 1975

DISTRICT OFFICERS

School Board

Mrs. Priscilla Boutin, Chrsn.	Term Expires 1976
Mrs. Jeannette Enderson	Term Expires 1977
Mrs. Margaret Elliott	Term Expires 1978

Other District Officers

Mr. James Page	Moderator
Mrs. Maxine Tyler	Treasurer
Mrs. Iona Boutin	Auditor
Mrs. Grace Gregory	Clerk
Mr. Scott Roden	Truant Officer
Mr. Norman H. Mullen	Superintendent of Schools
Mr. Harold J. Haskins	Assistant Superintendent of Schools

**SCHOOL WARRANT
THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE**

To the Inhabitants of the School District in the Town of Benton qualified to vote in district affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at the Community Building in said district on the 2nd day of March, 1976, at 8:30 o'clock in the afternoon, to act upon the following subjects:

1. To choose a Moderator for the coming year.
2. To choose a Clerk for the ensuing year.
3. To choose one Member of the School Board for a term of three years.
4. To choose a Treasurer for the ensuing year.
5. To determine and appoint the salaries of the School Board and Truant Officer, and fix the compensation of other officers or agents of the district.
6. To hear reports of Agents, Auditors, Committees, or Officers chosen and pass any vote relating thereto.
7. To choose Agents, Auditors and Committees, in relation to any subject embraced in this warrant.
8. To see what sum of money the district will raise and appropriate for the support of schools, for the salaries of school district officials and agents and for the payment of statutory obligations of the district, and to authorize the application against said appropriation of such sums as are estimated to be received from the state foundation aid fund together with other income; the school board to certify to the selectmen the balance between the estimated revenue and appropriation, which balance is to be raised by taxes by the town.
9. To transact any other business that may legally come before said meeting.

MRS. PRISCILLA BOUTIN
MRS. JEANETTE ENDERSON
MRS. MARGARET ELLIOTT
School Board of Benton

**BUDGET FOR SCHOOL DISTRICT
OF BENTON 1976 - 1977**

Item	Adopted Budget 1975-1976	Proposed Budget 1976-1977
100 ADMINISTRATION		
100 Salaries of District Officers	\$ 65.00	\$ 241.00
135 Contracted Services	10.00	16.00
190 Administration Expenses	200.00	200.00
500 TRANSPORTATION		
535 Contracted Transportation	5,500.00	6,500.00
800 FIXED CHARGES		
855 Insurance		300.00
1400 OUTGOING TRANSFER ACCOUNTS		
1477.1 Tuition In-State	32,040.00	43,052.66
1477.3 Supervisory Union Expenses	515.11	518.48
1478.1 Tuition Out-of-State	1,121.00	
1478.2 Transportation Contingency Fund	50.00	50.00
	<hr/> \$40,622.11	<hr/> \$50,878.14

ESTIMATED INCOME FOR 1976-1977

Balance on Hand June 30, 1975	\$ 0.00
State Aid:	
Sweepstakes	882.92
Federal Aid:	
National Forest Reserve	2,200.00
Trust Fund Income	50.00
Estimated Amount to be Raised by 1976 Property Taxes	47,745.22
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Total Appropriation	\$50,878.14

We recommend that the District adopt the proposed budget and raise and appropriate the sum of \$50,878.14 for the school year 1976-1977.

School Board of Benton
MRS. PRISCILLA BOUTIN
MRS. JEANETTE ENDERSON
MRS. MARGARET ELLIOTT

RECOMMENDED MOTION:

I move that the District raise and appropriate for the support of schools, for the payment of salaries for the school district officials and agents, and for the payment of statutory obligations of the district, the sum of \$50,878.14.

REVISED INCOME FOR 1975-1976

Unencumbered Balance	\$ 31.05
Sweepstakes	882.92
National Forest Reserve	2,200.00
Trust Fund Income	50.00
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Total Revenue and Credits	3,163.97
Amount to be Raised by 1975 taxes	37,458.14
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Total	\$40,622.11

**STATEMENT OF BUDGET
AND EXPENDITURES**
Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 1975

	Adopted Budget 1974-1975	Paid Out 1974-1975
100 ADMINISTRATION		
110.1 Salaries of District Officers	\$ 65.00	\$ 65.00
135 Contracted Services	10.00	6.00
190 Other Expenses		
.1 District Officers	200.00	2.50
500 TRANSPORTATION		
535 Contracted Services	5,500.00	5,500.00
1400 OUTGOING TRANSFER ACCOUNTS		
1477 Expenditures to Other Districts, Public Acad., or Administrative Units in the State		
.1 Tuition	28,550.00	27,993.87
.3 District Share of Supervisory Union Exp.	643.31	*641.63
1478 Expenditures to School Districts or Administrative Units in Another State		
.1 Tuition	1,000.00	931.00
.2 Transportation	1,000.00	852.50
CONTINGENCY FUND	50.00	
DEFICIT FUND	3,000.00	
CASH ON HAND AT END OF YEAR, JUNE 30, 1975		
3001 General Fund		31.05
 TOTAL	 \$40,018.31	 \$36,023.55

*This figure includes the amount of \$151.30, the district's share of the superintendent's salary.

**STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS
AND PAYMENTS**

July 1, 1974 to June 30, 1975

Receipts

Cash on Hand July 1, 1974	\$ 33.52
Revenue from Local Sources	
Current Appropriation	33,065.00
Other Revenue from Local Sources	
Interest	12.34
Earnings from Permanent	
Funds & Endowments	71.75
Revenue from State Sources	
Sweepstakes	417.96
Revenue from Federal Sources	
National Forest Reserve	2,422.98
	<hr/> \$36,023.55

Payments

Orders of the School Board	35,992.50
Cash on Hand at End of Year, June 30, 1975	 31.05
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GRAND TOTAL NET RECEIPTS	\$36,023.55

**REPORT OF SCHOOL
DISTRICT TREASURER
Fiscal Year July 1, 1974 to June 30, 1975
School District of Benton**

SUMMARY

Cash on Hand July 1, 1974		\$ 33.52
Received from Selectmen		
Current Appropriation	\$33,065.00	
Revenue from State Sources	417.96	
Revenue from Federal Sources	2,422.98	
Received as Income from		
Trust Fund	71.75	
Received from all Other Sources	12.34	
TOTAL RECEIPTS		35,990.03
TOTAL AMOUNT AVAILABLE		
FOR FISCAL YEAR		36,023.55
LESS SCHOOL BOARD ORDERS PAID		35,992.50
BALANCE ON HAND JUNE 30, 1975		\$ 31.05

MAXINE TYLER
District Treasurer

July 8, 1975

AUDITOR'S CERTIFICATE

This is to certify that we have examined the books, vouchers, bank statements and other financial records of the treasurer of the school district of Benton of which the above is a true summary for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1975 and find them correct in all respects.

IONA V. BOUTIN
Auditor

July 14, 1975

REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

I herewith submit my eleventh annual report to the voters of the Benton School District:

The Benton School Budget for 1976-77 shows an increase of \$10,256.03 over the current budget.

This increase is primarily due to one item, **tuition**. Although tuition costs have increased for next year the major reason for the high cost is the number of resident students now attending Haverhill Cooperative Schools. A breakdown of students is as follows:

Kindergarten	-	6	Grade 7	-	3
Grade 1	-	3	Grade 8	-	6
Grade 2	-	7	Grade 9	-	2
Grade 3	-	4	Grade 10	-	2
Grade 4	-	5	Grade 11	-	4
Grade 5	-	7	Grade 12	-	1
Grade 6	-	3			

Kindergarten	6	@ \$ 375.29	= \$ 2,251.74
Elementary	29	@ \$ 750.58	= \$21,766.82
Junior High	9	@ \$ 928.05	= \$ 8,352.45
Senior High	9	@ \$ 1186.85	= \$10,681.65

Total	<u>\$43,052.66</u>
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Other additional costs in the budget are increases for school district officers (176.00), contracted services (6.00); an additional amount of \$1,000.00 for a contingency to cover any unforeseen transportation problems, an insurance liability coverage for school board members should they be involved in litigation (300.00), a tuition increase of \$11,012.66, and an increase of \$3.37 for Supervisory Union expenses.

I wish to thank the school board and the voters of Benton for their wonderful support during the past year.

Respectfully,
NORMAN H. MULLEN
Superintendent of Schools

**SUPERVISORY UNION #23
REPORT OF SUPERINTENDENT'S
AND ASSISTANT
SUPERINTENDENT'S SALARY**

Section 5, Chapter 243, Laws of 1953 of the State of New Hampshire requires that school district annual reports show the total amount paid to the superintendent and assistant superintendent.

One-half of the supervisory union expenses is prorated among the several school districts of the union on the basis of adjusted valuation. One-half is prorated on the basis of average daily membership in the schools for the previous school year ending June 30. The Superintendent of Supervisory Union #23, during the 1975-1976 school year, will receive a salary of \$22,300.00 made up as follows: \$2,500.00 to be paid by the State Department of Education and \$19,800.00 prorated among the several school districts. The Assistant Superintendent will receive a salary of \$16,450.00 which is made up as follows: \$2,500.00 to be paid by the State Department of Education and \$13,950.00 prorated among the several school districts. Allowance for travel within the union for the Superintendent is \$1,500.00 and for the Assistant Superintendent, \$1,000.00 also prorated as stated above.

The table below shows the proration of salaries and travel to each school district:

SUPERINTENDENT

	Salary	Travel
Bath	\$ 1,019.70	\$ 77.25
Benton	168.30	12.75
Haverhill Cooperative	8,298.18	628.65
Lincoln-Woodstock Cooperative	6,710.22	508.35
Monroe	1,459.26	110.55
Piermont	1,265.22	95.85
Warren	879.12	66.60
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	\$19,800.00	\$ 1,500.00

ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT

Bath	\$ 718.42	\$ 51.50
Benton	118.58	8.50
Haverhill Cooperative	5,846.44	419.10
Lincoln-Woodstock Cooperative	4,727.65	338.90
Monroe	1,028.12	73.70
Piermont	891.41	63.90
Warren	619.38	44.40
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	\$13,950.00	\$ 1,000.00

NORMAN H. MULLEN
Superintendent of Schools

Births Registered in the Town of Benton, N.H., for the Year Ending December 31, 1975

Date of Birth and Name of Child	Sex	Name of Father	Name of Mother	Birthplace of Father	Birthplace of Mother
June 2 Krista Liana Young 23 Nicole Marie Boutin	F F	Brian H. F. Young Joseph N. Boutin, Jr.	Cheryl D. Aldrich Deborah Lee Fiore	New Hampshire New Hampshire	Connecticut Connecticut

Deaths Registered in the Town of Benton, N.H. for the Year Ending December 31, 1975

Date of Death and Name of Deceased	Age	Place of Birth	Name of Father	Name of Mother
May 17 Rose Almie Fortin	72	Canada	Alfred Fortin	Salamin Bergeron
June 4 Oral Walter Clifford	73	New Hampshire	Walter B. Clifford	Eleanor J. Sweet

Marriages Registered in the Town of Benton, N.H. for the Year Ending December 31, 1975

Date of Marriage Name of Groom and Bride	Residence at Time of Marriage	Names of Groom's Parents Names of Bride's Parents	Name of Officiant
April 1 Jeffrey Robert Delaney Carol Susan Boutin	North Haverhill, N.H. Benton	Gale B. Delaney Marguerite E. Willoughby Paul L. Boutin Doris E. Young	Barbara J. Davidson Justice of Peace North Haverhill, N.H.
September 15 David Boutin Melinda Pageau	Benton Benton	Wilfred R. Boutin Barbara Joan Pecor Percival R. Gregory Grace Mary Foley	Karl T. Bruckner Justice of Peace Haverhill, N.H.
21 Jeffers F. Page Marguerite Amy Nystrom	Benton East Haverhill, N.H.	James J. Page Ruth Foster Gerald R. Young Catherine Avis LaVoice	Norman J. Langmaid Clergyman Pike, N.H.

I hereby certify that the above return is correct, according to the best of my knowledge and belief
JACOB W. ALDRICH, Town Clerk

THIRD CLASS

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